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JAN 17, 1945

RAX

TO HYDE AND PONIA.

FROM CARRE

SUBJECT: ~~REDACTED~~ VOYAGE.

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1. With regard your telegram, I have spoken with Maj Graham, Capt Spiegel, et alii. Maj Graham has stated that it is above all important that ~~REDACTED~~ get to FREIBURG soonest neglecting other towns enroute for the sake of a speedy accomplishment of the mission. He feels that speed is the most essential factor to consider, the situation being what it is, and that the trip should be limited to a ten-day junket, hopping off at the very earliest opportunity.
2. The reason for the ~~emph~~ emphasis on FREIBURG is that there has been confused but constant reporting concerning a large enemy build-up in the area. SS troops, tanks, half-tracks, and all manner of materiel has been reported. Needed is an intelligent evaluation of the effectives, The flow of reinforcements to and from FREIBURG, an accurate counting of the tanks and types of tanks, and self-propelled equipment. Specific unit identifications of divisional and regimental strength are wanted. Is the 30th SS Inf Div in the area? Where is its CP and who is its commander? Is the HQ of the 14th SS Corps in this general area? Is there any indication that the Oberkommando Ober Rhein is located here? If so, what is the CP and the commanding general? For this quick trip, however, the essential is the intelligent evaluation of the size of the enemy build-up.
3. The following questions are sent in the possibility that a delay in the travel will force stop-overs in the towns along the route and make impossible a quick report on FREIBURG:
 - a. Is there an Army HQ at ETTLINGEN (R-4938) ?
 - b. What is between RASTATT and OBERKIRCH (W-2693)? Is a div HQ at OBERKIRCH?
 - c. Are there any other divs besides the 553 and the 405 in the general area north of FREIBURG?
 - d. If ~~REDACTED~~ passes thru KARLSRUHE, it would be interesting to know if the 216 Inf Div is there. If so, identification, regts, CG, CR's, etc. What are identities of other troops in KARLSRUHE.
4. MANNHEIM should be omitted in the interests of speed.

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*In view of JKC - caf's.
13 February to N.H. Wentworth.
+ R. Crosby - above becomes -
obvious except for certain details -
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